

**ABSTRACT**

An image recording apparatus with slidably opening scanner bed is provided. The scanner bed includes an interface for releasing the scanner bed from a first position. The scanner bed may be biased by an actuation device in order to urge the scanner bed when the interface is activated from the first position to a second position. The scanner bed preferably is slidably positioned on a base housing of an image recording device and, when actuated to a second position reveals a cartridge changing station within the base housing.